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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed on February 3, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 6-10 and 12-15. Claims 11 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Li (USPN6,301,031). Claims 7 and 17-21 were objected to for some informalities, however, the Examiner stated that they will be allowed if corrected.

By this amendment, Claims 11 through 21 are cancelled. Claim 7 is amended to provide the corrections as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant also added new claims 22-41. The newly added claims 22-41 correspond to the originally filed claims 7-10, where claim 22 corresponds to claim 7 depending upon claim 2; claim 23 corresponds to claim 7 depending upon claim 3; claim 24 corresponds to claim 7 depending on claim 4; claim 25 corresponds to claim 7 depending on claim 5; and claim 26 corresponds to claim 7 depending on claim 6. Applicant asserts that claims 22-26 are allowable in view of the Examiner's statement that prior claim 7 is allowable. Claims 27-29 correspond to claim 8-10 depending upon claim 22; Claims 30-32 correspond to claim 8-10 depending upon claim 23; Claims 33-35 correspond to claim 8-10 depending upon claim 25; and Claims 39-41 corresponds to claim 8-10 depending upon claim 26. Applicant assets that claims 27-41 are allowable in view of the Examiner's statement that prior claims 8-10 are allowable. In making these revisions care has been taken to ensure that the claims remain supported by the specification and that no new matter has been added.

Since Applicants cancelled claims rejected by the Examiner and corrected the informalities to the pending claims to overcome the Examiner's objections, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be

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enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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